

WTO ADVANCED COURSE ON ANALYZING TRADE IN SERVICES

**2-6 JUNE 2025
ROOM E**

Draft Programme

Monday 2 June 2025

Registration	8:30 - 9:00
Opening Session	9:00 – 9:40
Welcome coffee	9:40 – 10:00
<u>Session 1: Review of the GATS and its main obligations</u>	10:00 – 12:30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic importance of services trade • Review of the key concepts and core obligations of the GATS • Scheduling approaches 	
Photo opportunity with all participants	12:30 – 12:45
<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>12:45 – 14:00</i>
<u>Session 2: Architecture of Services RTAs: Deep PTA database</u>	14:00 – 15:30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GATS and RTAs • Main features of the architecture of RTAs • Structure of the deep PTA database for services trade • Some results of the services RTA review 	
<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>15:30 – 15:45</i>
<u>Session 3: I-TIP Services joint World Bank-WTO project</u>	15:45 – 17:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of I-TIP Services interface (GATS commitments, MFN exemptions, LDC waiver preferences RTA services commitments, Applied Policies) • World Bank-WTO Survey on Impediments to Services Trade • WTO-World Bank Services Trade Policy Database and STRI 	

Tuesday 3 June 2025

Review of first day

9:00 - 9:30

Session 3: I-TIP Services joint World Bank-WTO project (cont.)

9:30 – 10:45

- Practical exercise on the use of the I-TIP services interface

Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:00

Session 4: Quantification of services trade policies - World Bank-WTO STRI

11:00 – 12:30

- Quantification of services trade policies: purpose, rationale, and interpretation
- World Bank-WTO STRI methodology and results
- STRI dashboard
- Uses of the STRI: trade cost modelling and simulations

Lunch Break

12:30 – 14:00

Session 4: Quantification of services trade policies - World Bank-WTO STRI (cont.)

14:00 – 15:30

Coffee Break

15:30 – 15:45

Session 5: Exercise on the use of the STRI

15:45 – 17:30

- Acquire proficiency in the use of STRI data
- Analyse patterns of policy restrictiveness for a selection of economies/sectors
- Identify the restrictions driving restrictiveness

Wednesday 4 June 2025

Review of second day **9:00 - 9:30**

Session 6: Quantification of services commitments and reservations in trade agreement

9:30 – 10:45

- Quantification of preferential policies: WB-WTO Preferential STRI
- Illustrative results from selected regional integration initiatives
- Impact of Services RTAs and gap between preferential and applied services trade policies

Coffee Break **10:45 – 11:00**

Session 7: Services Domestic Regulation (SDR) - using I-TIP services and other tools to inform discussions at the domestic and international level

11:00 – 12:30

- Overview of the SDR Disciplines
- Potential economic effects of implementation of the SDR Disciplines and ongoing discussions on SDR-related matters at the international level
- Using I-TIP services and other tools to gather information on SDR-related measures

Lunch Break **12:30 – 14:00**

Session 7: Services Domestic Regulation (SDR) - using I-TIP services and other tools to inform discussions at the domestic and international level (cont.)

14:00 – 15:30

Coffee Break **15:30 – 15:45**

Session 8: Roundtable discussion on impact of services trade policies

15:45 – 17:30

Thursday 5 June 2025

Review of third day	9:00 - 9:30
<u>Session 9: Exercise: use of I-TIP Services in a negotiation context</u>	9:30 – 10:45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquire proficiency in the use of different modules of the I-TIP services database • Prepare offer commitments based on the analysis of the contents of STPD • Assess potential for taking commitments relating to domestic regulation 	
<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>12:30 – 14:00</i>
<u>Session 9: Exercise: use of I-TIP Services in a negotiation context (cont.)</u>	14:00 – 15:45
<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>15:45 – 16:00</i>
<u>Session 9: Exercise: use of I-TIP Services in a negotiation context (cont.)</u>	16:00 – 17:30

Friday 6 June 2025

Review of fourth day	9:00 - 9:30
<u>Session 10: Services statistics</u>	9:30 – 10:45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptual framework • Statistical databases available • Measuring Digital Trade - statistical approaches • Exercise using statistical databases 	
<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>10:45 – 11:00</i>
<u>Session 10: Services statistics (cont.)</u>	11:00 – 12:00
Evaluation of the Course	12:00 – 12:30
Closing Ceremony and Distribution of Certificates	12:30 – 13:00